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SUBJECT: IRISH RESPONSE TO YUGANSKNEFTEGAZ AUCTION DEMARCHE

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Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission Jonathan Benton; Reasons 1.5 (B) and (D).

1. (C) On December 20, Post delivered reftel talking points to Austin Gormley, Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) First Secretary for Bilateral Economic Relations. Gormley said

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that the GOI did not plan to raise the Yuganskneftegaz auction bilaterally with the Russian Government. He noted that a statement on the matter, if any were to be issued, would come from the EU. Gormley added that the EU, to his knowledge, had not taken a position on the auction.

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